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Carlos Gandara Duran retired newspaperman one of founders of leading independent daily EL IMPARCIAL gained asylum Nicaraguan Embassy January 23, granted safe conduct January 26, reportedly will depart for Nicaragua January 29.

Jose Maria Guzman, director and part owner of discontinued anti-administration political broadside DIARIO LA OPOSICION one of organizers Partido Unificacion Anti-communista (PUA) arrested January 23 but appeal court rejected habeas corpus appeal on January 25 when police denied knowledge of arrest.

Neither Gandara nor Guzman prominent journalists grounds insufficient at present for alleging restriction of press freedom.

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